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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☐ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ☐ Other: _____.

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 with required references
- ☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
- ☒ Other: International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT Application No. PCT/US0337365 dated February 25, 2005; International Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/US0337365 dated February 25, 2005

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicants calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).

☐ An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$810.

☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

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